



IF IT WON'T HELP
W'N THE WAR —
FORGET IT!

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EVERYONE MAY SUBMIT IDEAS DURING THE CONTEST

The Suggestion Contest for Foremen and Supervisors which began Monday, February 21 and which will run for three months, does not affect the regular suggestion system, which continues to function as usual.

In last week's Anvil Chorus the details of this contest were given. They will be published again as the Contest gets under way, and several posters will be set up in strategic locations around the plant, on which interesting developments of the contest will be highlighted from time to time.

For those who are submitting suggestions in the regular manner, and not as contestants, just remember that the greatest inventions and improvements in commerce and industry have been the result of keen observation and analysis of obvious things. Here is a good example: Some years ago a grocery clerk was cutting cheese. You don't have to be very old to remember the kind. It was kept under a glass cover, and when the customer asked for a slice the clerk lifted the glass bell and cut off a piece, estimating its weight as closely as he could. While the glass was off, flies had a picnic and the cheese was exposed to the air. Chief protection was the rind, and you bought the rind along with the edible parts of the cheese. There was much waste.

One day the grocery clerk had a thought. It was an obvious one that might have come to anyone with eyes in his head. Why not wrap cheese in sanitary packages? This would end inaccurate weight, slow service, eliminate mold, protect from dust and flies, reduce spoilage and there would be no filching of free samples by hungry customers. This grocery clerk's name was J. L. Kraft and every time you see or eat Kraft cheese or hear Kraft Music Hall radio program let it remind you that a simple, obvious idea may be a winner.

To Plomb Toolers who may have an idea in the back of your heads, remember that there are two classes of suggestions: (1) Suggestions that effect tangible savings in time, material or equipment; (2) Suggestions that effect intangible savings by improving the quality of our tools; by improving working conditions; and by the elimination of hazards.



BURRINGLY YOURS

Clarence Douglas, Supervisor
Helen Recker, Reporter

ANNUAL MEETING EMPLOYEES' ASS'N SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

Don't forget the Employees' Association's Annual Meeting and Election of the Board of Directors this Saturday, February 26th, at 12:30 P. M.

Every member of the Association who can get away is eligible to attend and vote.

After the meeting refreshing coffee and delicious sandwiches will be served.

IN THE PRESENT CONTEST FOR SUPERVISORS AND FOREMEN AWARDS WILL BE PAID ONLY FOR SUGGESTIONS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OR REDUCE COSTS. The contest will run to May 20, 1944 and only suggestions submitted by that date will be eligible.

Others may submit suggestions in the regular manner as set forth in the above two classifications.

ZENOBI SEYFERT takes this means of thanking the Welfare Committee of the Activities Association for the flowers they sent to her when she was ill.

LAST SATURDAY the entire Burring Department personnel saw the war films at the Club House. They were certainly impressive.

MARION NESS had her "ump-teenth" birthday last Friday and was presented a gift from the girls.

"LEARN WHILE YOU EARN" is a popular slogan and evidently YUMA CASEY and MARION believe in it for they are learning how to Rhumba since they started burring jaws on wrenches.

HAVE YOU NOTICED how nicely JOE has made our department look by using a brush, some paint and a little elbow grease?

I'M STILL WONDERING why FAYE EDMONSON didn't have spots before her eyes last Friday?

News of YOUR Department



- Transfers

- Promotions

- Unusual Doings

- Hobbies

ABOUT

Johnny, Mike, Pete and Mary
Sports - Ideas - Photos

- News of Boys in Service

- Marriages

- Births

STOCK ROOM AND DISTRIBUTION

JACK EFAW (formerly of the stock room force) has been made a full fledged (fledgling) — otherwise known as an Air Cadet. He is stationed at Amarillo Field, Amarillo, Texas.

RUTH MATHEWS works quietly and hard. Reason: nine children (five in the military service). She's doing her bit.

LOST: three marbles; Place: Street Car Safety Zone, Washington and Santa Fe Ave., by **RUTH SETTLE**. **QUESTION:** What can Ruth be doing with three marbles?

JOYCE (WILL) EFAW wants to be shipped in a stockroom Mail Sack to newlywed husband "Handsome Jack" now enjoying Uncle Sam's hospitality at Amarillo, Texas.

FOD PORTER is looking forward to Christmas, 1944. Why? Well, just ask the first girl he caught under the mistletoe hung by him.

ROY (Export) FORKNER is complaining that he has too much room in his shipping room and on his dock. Wants stockroom to send him more tools and boxes to ship.

JOHNNY (Win-the-war-with-paper) KANA says the war is tougher here than where he was when in the army. We're glad to have that technical advice. If Johnny and his crew attacked in war combat as they do their mountains of orders, it wouldn't take long to end it.

ENGRAVING DEPARTMENT

(The Crow's Nest of the Plomb Tool Co.)
Ernest Heinold, Foreman

FLOODS: with all the rain, hail, sleet and other things the weatherman threw at us the past week, we're glad to announce that all hands are on the job safe and sound.

FROM OUR LOOKOUT it seems that more bad weather is on the way.

LOUIS CHAVEZ had a letter from his boy in England who writes that all is well. Also from Pat, his daughter in the Spars, assigned as a radio specialist on duty in New York City. His other daughter, Bette, is a Spar Yeoman in charge of recruiting in Wichita, Kansas.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Glenn Crist, Chief Inspector

PAUL A. SALFRANK, pharmacist's mate first class, U. S. N., son of Bess Salfrank, is home from the South Pacific on a thirty day furlough. Paul is with the Paramarines and it was found that it wasn't practical to use Paramarines on the islands because of dense jungle, so they were brought back to U. S. A. to reorganize. He missed by only a few days seeing his brother Pfc. John Salfrank, U. S. M. C., who has just sailed for an unknown destination.

CONNIE BEARD GRUBBS is on a short leave of absence. Connie and her husband, Pfc. Earl Grubbs, are enjoying a belated honeymoon. They expect to spend some time in Fresno with Mr. Grubbs' parents.

LILLIAN MOHR is back to work after a two week's bout with the flu.

FREDA GRESHAM sometimes comes to work with an extra big smile. Then you know that she has received another letter from husband Pfc. Bob Gresham, who is stationed in Hawaii.

DIP ROOM

John Cross, Foreman

Foreman (Wolf) **JOHNNY** (Simon Le-gree) **CROSS** is ready for the Thursday night Bowling Team. Either as bowler or scorekeeper.

(Wolfess) **ELAINE KIMBER'S** husband has been on a sight-seeing tour with Uncle Sam's army for the past year on maneuvers.

(Hammer Annie) **GLADYS GORDON'S** boy is in the Marshall Islands in the thick of battle. It has been two months since she has heard from him.

(Socket Sal) **LILLIAN MOHR** is happy to be back on the job again after two weeks of illness.

The Dip Room is mighty proud of their top standing in the Bond Drive.

VITAMINS

R-P Brand Vitamins are now available through the Silver Kitchen or at our Medical Department at 50 cents a box containing a thirty-day supply.

MEANDERING WITH MELENDEZ

Dan Melendez, Maintenance

MARIO BONETTI is a wizard at sheet metal work. To be entitled this kind of reputation one must know trigonometry; how to cut a sheet of metal in the shape of an elliptic and solder form a parabola, if you know what I mean.

ALFRED STARK and **FREMONT BERTS** are the utility men in our Maintenance team. They can shift from Plumbing to Electrical work and then to Machine Repair — and do them all Versatile!

BY THE WAY Alberts is leaving Sunday to join the greatest navy in the world. Good luck and good hunting, Al.

ED ROBINSON says he doesn't think his name mentioned in the Plomb Chorus. O. K. We won't mention it. He won't even tell Plomb folks that Ed is first class electrician.

PAUL DIFLO wanted to include an item about garbage in this column but the Editor says it stinks. So the item has been thrown in the garbage can. Natural to dispose of such things.

A NEW VERSION of an OLD POEM

Starkle starkle little twink
Who the heck I are you think
Up above the the sky so high
Although some thinkle peep
I don't know who is me
And the drunker I sit here
The longer I be.

FRANK TAYLOR knows all the answers if you're troubled with food shortages. 'Course you'd have to be an early riser to be able to fix bacon and eggs for the milkman. Oh yes, the butter for the toast — that comes in a dinner time. The Cashier from the corner grocery store.

DICK WINNINGER'S wife has just opened a Beauty Shop across the street from the Metro Theatre on Washington Boulevard, the 4700 block, near R. The phone number is YO-9155. So if youse gals want to primp up a bit, go to an expert who appreciates the conditions under which you have to work. We will try to do an extra good job on you. Look at Dick's curly locks. His wife practices on him.) How about it, I

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P.F.C. JOE PALOOKA SAYS:

by HAM FISHER

I REMEMBER A GUY ONCE... I HAD 'IM ON THE ROPES AN' HE DROPPED 'IS GUARD... I FIGURED HE WAS LICKED, SO I STEPPED BACK... THEN HE LET ME HAVE ONE THAT ALMOST PUT ME DOWN FOR THE COUNT. THAT'S WHAT THOSE GUYS MEAN WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT NEGOTIATED PEACE. NO SIR, NOT FOR US! THIS ONE LASTS TO THE FINISH—GERMANS AN' JAPS!



DRAMATIC WAR FILM WELL RECEIVED

The official War Department film showing the ferocity of the fighting on the various fighting fronts, plus smuggled pictures taken by German and Japanese cameramen showing the tremendous production in enemy occupied countries, was viewed by more than 250 Plomb Toolers in two Club House showings, plus several showings to small groups in the Conference Room.

There was no doubt in the minds of those who witnessed these stirring and graphic news reels, taken on the actual fighting fronts, that we all would rather work in America than in any of the Nazi-occupied countries.

The outstanding fact proven by these films was that the war is a long way from being over and that the hardest and toughest fighting lies in the immediate future. This MAY be the year of decision, but final victory is another story.

DO YOU WANT A COPY OF
"A COWBOY'S PRAYER"?

As the result of the printing in Anvil Chorus of that famous poem, "A Cowboy's Prayer" by Badger Clark, over 250 individual requests have come to hand for additional copies.

We have made arrangements for reprints of the poem and should you wish a copy for yourself or to send to a loved one in the armed service, you may secure them either from Russell Ross or from the office of Anvil Chorus.

SICK LIST

Dorothy Van Gundy, R. N.
Nurse in Charge Medical Dept.

BILL FOX, forge die shop, has been ill with a bad cold.

BOB HUDNALL, welding has returned to the plant after having his tonsils removed.

HAROLD BAUM, heat treat, has been off for a few days due to a sinus operation.

ADRIAN VAN KAMPEN, Forge Shop, has been off for a few days battling flu.

JEWEL MOWRY, machine shop, has been off since Monday with a bad cold.

JOE TURNER, sales department, has been off for a few days with a leg injury.

WILMA HINKHOUSE, stock room, has been ill for a few days.

ROBERT HESSLER, machine shop, and FLOYD CROSBY of inventory have our deepest sympathy in the loss of dear ones in their families.

CHICAGO NEWS

Emily Smetak

Due to lack of space in our office, we had tear down our store room. This will allow us room for another desk or two.

This week was one of our "bad luck" weeks here at Plomb. It started out Monday when Rose Swanson, Inspection Dept., had a sudden attack of severe pains, and a doctor was summoned immediately.

Friday, Hannah Buchardt, Inspection Dept., got sick and fainted, while working. (Just between you and me, Hannah, I overheard the girls saying that they're a little jealous of you because they couldn't have Otto and Vic escort them home!)

Yesterday, Agnes Tarpin from the Assembly Line got a phone call that her youngest son was hit by an auto and is in the hospital. We wish you all a very speedy recovery.

Employees leaving our employ: Grace McLeod, Machine Shop, and Mary Schulz, Inspection.

INCOME TAX DEADLINE

The deadline for filing your Income Tax is MARCH 15, 1944. The delayed date which some think applies to your 1943 Income Tax, applies only to your estimated tax for 1944. So get your report in as soon as possible and don't wait until the last minute, or you will be subjected to a penalty.

ANNIVERSARY PINS

Salesman—

Correction:

BENJAMIN WILE 8 years

Credit Union—

EDITH MULLINS 2 years

Cafeteria—

JEANNETTE R. ARNESEN 2 years

MARY JO LEDBETTER 2 years

Factory—

HORACE ARTER 8 years

LEONARD DALBEC 3 years

BESS SALFRANK 3 years

CHARLES VARNER 3 years

Parking Lot—

HERMAN FRESCAS 7 years

PERSONNEL

WELCOME TO NEW EMPLOYEES...



WALTER

SAINT

Personnel

Director

Plomb is noted for other things besides tools. P stands for Punctuality, L for loyalty, O for Opportunity, M for Modern and B for Best.

We expect you to be punctual and loyal, to work in unity with others in your department and to remember that you are working for a firm whose ideas are modern and whose products are the best on the market. The contribution you make, no matter how small, helps to preserve the reputation of Plomb. We welcome the following new comers:

MACHINE — Alice Breslin, Francis Travis, Mary Whited, Jule Turbeville, Irene Pierce, Alice Creighton, Jessie Purcell, Florence Roddan.

MAINTENANCE — Eddie Sheets, Ellsworth Walker.

FORGE — Benjamin Goins.

FORGE DIE — Stanley Stolarek.

PEACH KNIFE — Linda Rodriguez, Lorraine Rodriguez, Cora Arnold, Irene Walbourn, Eileen Remington.

MAILING — Geraldine Riggins.

STOCK ROOM — Ruth Settle, Cecil Elkin, Marguerite Salles, Marie Clowes, Gregoria Perez.

ORDER — Ruth Boadwee.

PROD. COST — Ardith Dougherty.



GRINDING DEPARTMENT

Al Carhart, Foreman

HARLEY RAGLAND made another boost for the Grinding Dep't. . . . purchased \$1000 Bond and three \$100 bonds.

PETE SCHMIDT is off sick this week. The gang are all hoping for his speedy recovery.

GEORGE WADDLETON and **AL CARHART** are wondering which of their departments has the most wolves. Neither seem to be capable of taming them down. When a girl walks through it sounds like a flock of canaries had got loose. George says he is going to feed the boys crackers when girls appear on the scene. (Ever try whistling with a mouth full of cracker crumbs?)

VALTON HOLLEY trying to shift into reverse on the way to work the other morning. Ask him.

HOLLEY and **McNARREZ** can show the gang a few wrinkles in how to get a work out that's really a work out, with Navy W Wrenches. Real He-man stuff. Who is this guy Lionel Strongfort who claims to be the strongest man on earth? Just a sissy!

HERE AND THERE

Oliver D. Plant

M. B. P. is visiting the P & C Hand Forged Tool Co., in Portland. Reports fine, sunshiny weather. Mrs. Pendleton is with him which is fortunate for both of them. Here we have had nothing but "unusual" weather for four days. Rain, hail, snow, thunder and lightning and Old Man River using Santa Fe Ave. for a new channel.

CARROLL HARLAN was home for a few days with "croup" (of all things). Glad to see him back.

HELEN BUTTERWORTH of the stock room married **EARL EMERY** of Steel Room this week. What, no honeymoon Helen? Well, of course the weather has been bad for honeymooning.

FRANK SMITH of the stock room is back on the job after a few days absence due to illness.

THE STOCK ROOM GANG and a few friends. Left to right: Gabby Young and Jo Finnie, Mary Novikoff and Jo Finnie, Mildred Underhill and Bill Bridges and in the center, the "entire ensemble," as they say in grand opera.

PRODUCTION CONTROL

He's tall, dark and handsome and is fond of cake. Whose cake? Well, now that is a good question and deserves the \$64.00 answer. Could it be that a certain girl on the graveyard shift is the cake baker? Billing (and cooing) can make an interesting combination . . . and the old adage that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach is still good strategy in love or war. As Walter Winchell says: "H'mm".

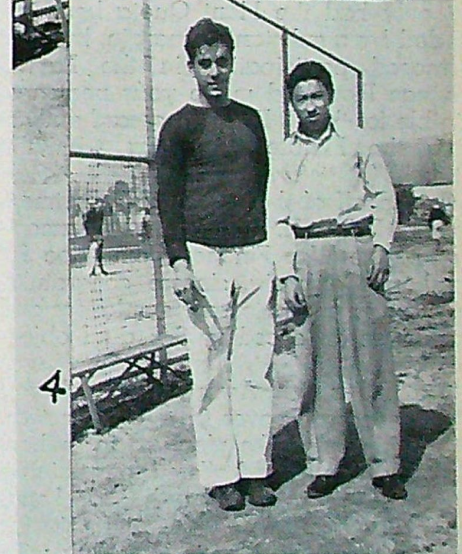
LEONORE WINSTON is the latest addition to the Payroll and Cost Accounting Dept. Welcome, Leonore. We hope you will enjoy being a member of the Plomb team.

NOLA HILTON is back with us after a week's absence battling with the flu. Glad to see you back, Nola.

JACK DONLEY had a flat tire on his way to work one morning, during the downpour. Give out with the details, Jack.

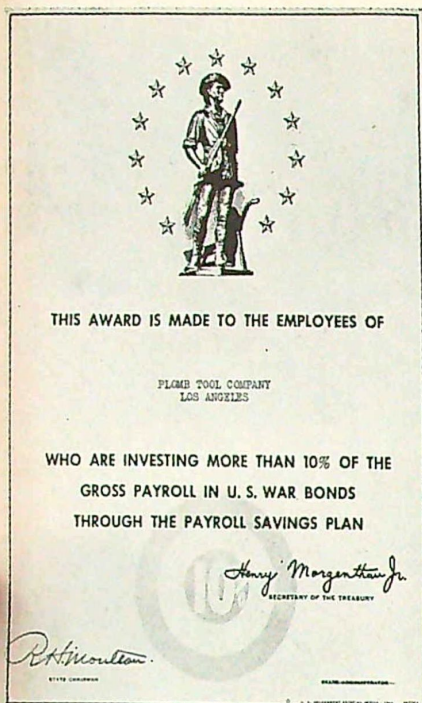
BOB RINGLE says that this business of studying by candle light makes him feel like Abe Lincoln. What are your aspirations, Bob?

JERRY WILLIAMS is going to invest in a hair cut, believe it or not. Let's watch and see if he does. If the price of hair cuts has gone up, Jerry, let us know and we'll contribute further. Hope you know that we like you in spite of your long "bob", remembering that many famous men have been known for their lengthy tresses — Paderewski for one. Could it be that Jerry plans to become a piano virtuoso?



EIGHT OF A KIND. These good looking guys are members of the Plomb Baseball Team. (1) Frank Lampley and Dave Gesick, (2) Bill Kludgian and Valton Holly, (3) Alfred Forneris and Henry Manker, (4) Bud and Freddie.

WHO WAS THAT GAL who likes her her work so well that she got up last Sunday morning, dressed ready for work, and suddenly heard a newsboy shouting "Times, Examiner, paper?" Did she go back to bed pronto? You tell 'em.



PLOMB WINS MINUTE MAN FLAG AND TREASURY CITATION

The Labor-Management Committee, which handled the drive to put Plomb over the top in the Fourth War Loan and to achieve the right to fly the Minute Man flag over our plant, attained both objectives.

In a letter just received from W. H. Hodges, Coordinator of the Payroll Savings Plan initiated by the Treasury Department, Mr. Hodges writes:

"We are happy to receive your official report on the Fourth War Loan drive among your employees and to know that not only had the Plant Quota been exceeded by a substantial margin, but that increased participation in the Payroll Savings Plan had made your personnel eligible for the 10 Per Cent award authorizing the Minute Man flag with the letter 'T'."

On behalf of the Treasury Department and Mr. Robert H. Moulton and his associates of the War Finance Committee for Southern California, sincere congratulations are extended to your employees and executives on exceeding this dual objective.

The 10 Per Cent Award will reach you under separate cover in a day or two. Meanwhile, we take pleasure in authorizing the Star Award offered for attaining Plant Quotas in the Fourth War Loan. You will find enclosed cloth insignia for placement on the Minute Man flag with the letter 'T', which you are now entitled to display."

FRANK JOHNSON who takes care of the Plomb yard and parking lot has been off ill for the past two weeks and we've missed his friendly smile and kindly philosophy. Frank's son runs the centerless grinder and is a chip off the old block. Glad to see you back, Frank.

ADV. AND SALES PROMOTION DEPT.

Freeman Kirwin, Mgr.

JACK BASTIDO made his maiden trip in the new territory, better known as the Inter Mountain Territory, formerly covered by **DICK LAMB**, who now has the Atlanta Territory.

Jack received a very warm welcome wherever he went and has entered upon his new duties with unbounded enthusiasm and energy. As a result he has sold a substantial order for Plomb Tools to a farm implement jobber in New Mexico which is a prediction of things to come in establishing this type of outlet for our products.

CLIFF WELLS is packing up his gear and collecting his sales material preparatory to going into his new territory. This territory is a newly created one consisting of Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Cliff plans to make his headquarters in New Orleans. Let us all give him our support and wish him God speed. Mr. B. L. Clark plans to meet him and spend some time with him in the territory.

JOE TURNER, a newcomer to Plomb, and whose peculiar talents as a ball player resulted in a sprained ankle, will probably be out for the rest of the week. Joe is in Sales and Statistics Department and was recently discharged from the U. S. Army. He hails from Pittsburgh.

EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT AND CREDIT UNION NEWS

Bill Heald, Mgr.

DE CARROLL told of her experience during the recent storm of sitting for two hours in her car with a flat tire. How about it Donley?

ETHEL BURGARD reported that as a result of flooded streets she had no brakes. Imagine **ETHYL** and no brakes! particularly if she gets her voice back (Maybe she meant no **breaks** — Ed.)

C. M. MARSHALL, Federal Examiner from the Federal Deposit Corporation, examined the books and records of the Plomb Employees' Federal Credit Union.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING of officers of the Credit Union, Mr. Marshall gave his preliminary report. He declared the books and records in excellent condition and the financial condition of the Credit Union 101% sound.

MISS GILL and **MISS MULLINS** were highly commended by Mr. Marshall for the way they kept the records and system of accounts. He also praised the Officers and Committee Members for the practical manner in which the business affairs of the Credit Union were conducted.

FURTHER SERVICES to the Plomb Team are in the making and will be announced in a future issue of Anvil Chorus.



BILL RICE (christened William E.) is the son of William Rice, head of our Statistics Department. A study of population statistics and manpower ditto, reveal that only one baby boy in four and a half million is as healthy, husky and handsome as you Bill. Oh, yes, according to official statistics little Bill is ten months old.

FORGE SHOP

Pat Ryan, Sup't

CHARLES VARNER is on sick leave. **HARRY PENNINGTON**, Die Forge Operator, returned from sick leave.

BOB ROSNER of Forge Die Shop is on sick leave.

BILL FOX of Forge Die Shop returned from sick leave.

HOMER NARNEY'S son Jim, who is a Plomb Tooler, is now in the army. He mailed some pictures from somewhere over there(?) The views are fine. (Homer.)

GEO. WILEY, checker for the Forge Shop, will be moving into his new home this week end. Good luck, George.

THE FORGE DIE DEPT will be represented at the Plomb Golf Tournament at Western Ave. Golf Club Sunday. Be there! It will be a nice day.

P & C NEWS

Barney McClain

News from Our Boys:

We received a V-Mail letter this week from **Bob Mowrey**, who was, until his induction, a member of the stock room crew. He is present in England and sent greetings to the P & C Gang.

Lester Jensen arrived home this week after having been graduated from the University of Denver. He will leave March 1 for a Training Camp at Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Ben Jones wrote last week of his experiences in Marine Officers' Training maneuvers. His training is plenty rough but Ben seems to be making real progress. He has already received several awards for marksmanship.